

Here are my random weekly ramblings.

1. Big Universe Learning: Normally I don't share things that cost money but I found this one to be interesting. BigUniverse.com is an engaging online reading and writing community for grades preK-8. This student-centered website provides a large library of leveled nonfiction and fiction online books, an online writing and publishing tool, a safe bookshelf sharing community, and many supporting tools such as reading logs and more. All these features inspire reluctant, advanced, and ELL students to read, write and learn anytime-anywhere while providing educators the necessary tools to teach balanced literacy and track student progress. There is a 14 day free trail if you want to check it out. <http://www.biguniverse.com/>

2. Earthquests: Earthquests are any educational lesson that utilizes Google Earth with a standards based lesson. This week I found a website that has lessons for earthquakes. The beginnings of this website looks promising. Hopefully, more lessons will be added soon. <http://www.earthquests.com/>

3. Survey Monkey: Do you need to take a quick poll from students, teachers, or parents. Survey Monkey is a quick, easy tool to do just that.

It allows you to collect and analyze data in a variety of ways.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/>

4. Almost Free App.: this \$0.99 app teaches about US Flags. It has the player match the flag with the US State it represents. You can

play it in two different modes.

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/flags-fun-usa-states/id324194785?mt=8#>

5. Interesting: We already knew that kids learned computer technology more easily than adults, It is as if children were waiting all these centuries for someone to invent their native language." - Jaron Lanier author of You are Not a Gadget.

Have a great weekend!!!

